

Please add new claims 8, 9, and 10 as follows:

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---8. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein instead of the lensed fiber 10, a normal lens is used for measuring the thickness of the material.

9. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, wherein instead of the lensed fiber 10, a normal lens is used for measuring the thickness of the material.

10. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 4, wherein instead of the lensed fiber 10, a normal lens is used for measuring the thickness of the material.---

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claim 5 has been amended and claims 8-10 have been added to delete multiple dependency.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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